

being surrounded by a separating element of a dielectric material, whereby a galvanic separation of the inner conductors of the coaxial line is effected.

56. (New) A galvanic separation using separating elements of dielectric materials in a socket or a plug for coupling ends of a coaxial line to be connected with each other, each comprised of an inner conductor and an outer conductor surrounding the inner conductor, and which are suited for transmitting microwave signals of the wavelength λ --.

Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment cancels without prejudice original claims 1 to 28 and in the underlying Application Number 10/056,243, and adds without prejudice new claims 29 to 56. The new claims conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add new matter to the application.

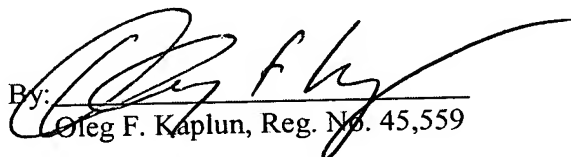
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), the Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without the claims) contains no new matter. The amendments reflected in the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) are to conform the Specification and Abstract to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules or to correct informalities. As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3)(iii) and § 1.125(b)(2), a Marked Up Version Of The Substitute Specification comparing the Specification of record and the Substitute Specification also accompanies this Preliminary Amendment. In the Marked Up Version, shading indicates added text and brackets indicated deleted text. Approval and entry of the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) is respectfully requested.

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Applicants assert that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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